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6th Annual Bluegrass Camp set for July 12 - 14

The fifth annual Missouri River Bluegrass Camp will be held Wednesday evening, Thursday and Friday, July 12 - 14, 2006 at North Dakota's scenic Cross Ranch State Park. The camp immediately precedes the 16th annual Missouri River Bluegrass and Old Time Music Festival and provides instruction on acoustic guitar, mandolin, 5-string banjo and fiddle. The camp is for adults who have their basic instrument skills in place but want to improve their bluegrass playing and singing. Instrument lessons, ensemble practice, mini-classes and jamming are included in the two days of music making. Class size for the instrument lessons is limited to around 10.

The camp will again utilize the expertise of the Festival performers. This year the teaching staff are the members of one of California's premiere bluegrass bands, Chris Stuart & Backcountry. Instructors are Chris Stuart (guitar), Janet Beasley (banjo), Megan Lynch (fiddle), and Mason Tuttle (mandolin).

Tuition cost for the camp is \$100 prior to June 30 and \$130 after that date. There are also State Park entrance fees and camping fees for those staying on site.

Sponsors for the camp are North Dakota Parks and Recreation; The Bluegrass and Old Time Music Association of North Dakota; Northwest Music, Minot; and Eckroth Music, Bismarck

For more information and a camp registration packet call (701) 524-2210 or e-mail John.Andrus@sendit.nodak.edu. Registration materials are also available at Northwest Music in Minot and Eckroth Music in Bismarck.